

Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences and People's Committee of An Giang province

## ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPER

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

### “OC EO CULTURE IN THE CONTEXT OF ASIAN CULTURE”

Location: Long Xuyen City, An Giang province, Vietnam

Time: November 17, 2023

Oc Eo culture is a well-known archaeological culture in Southern Vietnam that is linked with the history of the kingdom of Funan and the country of Vietnam. This culture has been well known since Louis Malleret's 1944 archaeological investigations at Oc Eo Field. Since then, Oc Eo-Ba The has gained recognition as an important archaeological site not only in Vietnam's southern region but also throughout Southeast Asia. Excavations here over the last few decades have uncovered numerous artifacts that demonstrate the origins and evolution of the Oc Eo culture, establishing Oc Eo as the Funan Kingdom's largest, busiest, and most well-known urban center.

From 2017 to 2020, the Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences (VASS) organized the implementation of the Project "Research on the Archaeological Sites of Oc Eo-Ba The and Nen Chua (Oc Eo Culture in the Southern Region)" with the important goal of excavation and research at Oc Eo-Ba The site (An Giang province) and Nen Chua site (Kien Giang province) in order to clarify the value of Oc Eo culture in the Southern region, provide a scientific basis for planning work, preserve and promote the value of Oc Eo-Ba The and Nen Chua archaeological sites. The Project's execution has led to a number of significant new findings that have helped to elucidate the nature, function, date, and role of the Oc Eo ancient city, an important economic and cultural center in the history of the Funan kingdom.

Towards a new, deeper, and more comprehensive understanding of Oc Eo culture, as well as continuing to clarify the historical, cultural values, and relationship of Oc Eo ancient city in economic and cultural exchanges with the world in the first 10 centuries CE and contributing to the preservation and promotion of the Oc Eo site, the Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences and the People's Committee of An Giang province will collaborate to host an international scientific conference with the theme "Oc Eo culture in the context of Asian culture" in Long Xuyen City, An Giang province.

#### **1. Conference themes:**

The conference concentrated on clarifying the following critical issues:

*1.1. Summarizing and evaluating the findings of the archaeological study and excavations conducted between 2017 and 2020 at the relic sites of Oc Eo-Ba The (An Giang province) and Nen Chua (Kien Giang province).*

*1.2. Oc Eo culture and Funan kingdom in Southeast Asian and Asian historical and cultural contexts;*



1.3. *The international maritime trade network and the role of Oc Eo as an ancient city in Southeast Asia and Asia before the 10<sup>th</sup> century CE;*

1.4. *The exceptional global values of the Oc Eo – Ba The relic site;*

1.5. *Studying, protecting, and promoting the value of Oc Eo – Ba The's cultural heritage.*

**2. Conference schedule:**

Day 1 (November 16, 2023: Touring the Oc Eo Culture Exhibition at the An Giang Provincial Museum (Long Xuyen City, An Giang Province)

Day 2 (November 17, 2023): Conference (Long Xuyen City, An Giang Province)

**3. Conference location:** Long Xuyen city, An Giang province.

**4. Conference participation fee:**

The Conference Organizing Committee will pay for registration, transport, accommodation, and meals for participants in the conference in An Giang province.

International delegates are responsible for covering their own international travel expenses.

**5. Conference Registration:**

5.1. Abstract submission deadline (no more than 300 words, including contact information and institutional affiliation): October 15, 2023

5.2. Full Paper submission deadline: October 30, 2023.

5.3. Paper writing guidelines: Articles ranging from 10-15 A4 pages in length, Times New Roman font, Unicode encoding, and font size 13.

5.4. Emails for receiving articles are [Giangiseas@gmail.com](mailto:Giangiseas@gmail.com) and [alexgiangvn@gmail.com](mailto:alexgiangvn@gmail.com).

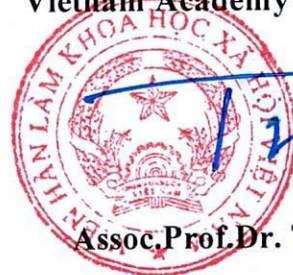
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The Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences welcomes the interest and active engagement of academics from all over the world.

We look forward to receiving your submissions!

*Best regards,*

**Vice President of  
Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences**



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